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United States
CLASSIC RARITIES

1861-67 Issues, Used, With and Without Grill

Condition is the paramount factor in these issues. Below is a very complete offering priced in four grades of condition reflecting true market values. No damaged stamps are included as their value is problematical.

"One Cent" Franklin

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
63	1c blue	$0.42	$0.63	$1.00	$1.50
63	1c pale blue	.42	.63	1.00	1.50
63	1c bright blue	1.25	2.10	3.75	5.50
63a	1c ultramarine	1.50	2.60	5.50	8.00
63b	1c indigo, thin paper	4.00	5.50	10.00	13.00
86	1c blue, 11x13	3.00	4.50	7.50	10.00
86	1c 11x13, thin paper	6.00	9.00	16.50	25.00
86	1c 11x13, split grill	.....	.....	23.50	28.50
92	1c blue, grill 9x13	1.80	2.75	3.90	4.50
92	1c 9x13, thin paper	2.40	3.25	5.50	7.00
92	1c 9x13, split grill	.....	.....	8.50	11.00

Two Cent "Jackson," The "Black Jack"

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
73	2c black	$0.35	$0.55	$1.70	$2.25
73	2c gray black	.35	.55	1.70	2.25
73	2c intense black	.40	.63	2.00	2.50
84	2c black, grill 12x14	22.50	34.50	50.00	72.50
85b	2c black, "Z" grill	3.75	7.80	11.50	16.75
87	2c grill, 11x13	1.25	2.10	3.20	4.50
87	2c 11x13, thin paper	2.00	4.50	6.60	8.75
87	2c 11x13, split grill	.....	.....	9.00	11.50
93	2c black, grill 9x13	.65	1.10	2.25	3.50
93	2c 9x13, thin paper	1.35	2.75	5.00	7.00
93	2c 9x13, split grill	.....	.....	7.25	10.00

This offering is continued on the first inside page, No. 418.

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Supplies for Collectors

At the request of various of our patrons the following items have been added to our list of offers for collectors. If these items prove of interest additions to this list will be made. In all instances postage is extra. Send sufficient to cover charges and any surplus will be refunded in the parcel when mailed to you.

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For the convenience of our customers we offer plain paper for correspondence. This initial offering is of but a single quality and weight, in several sizes to meet various requirements. If this offering proves popular, we will offer other qualities in future offerings. The paper offered here is of 20-lb. substance, sulphite bond. In the following sizes the dimensions given are width by height.

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United States CLASSIC RARITIES

See the offerings on the front page of this issue.

Three Cent "Washington"

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
64	3c pink	$7.00	$13.00	$17.50	$25.00
64a	3c rose pink	.30	.60	1.00	1.50
65	3c rose	.01	.03	.05	.10
65	3c rose (5 shades)	.08	.20	.40	.75
65	3c rose (5 cancellations)	.08	.20	.40	.75
65	3c brown red	.22	.35	.60	1.00
83	3c grill 13x16	6.00	9.00	12.50	25.00
85	3c grill 12x14	4.00	7.50	10.00	12.50
85c	3c "Z" grill	25.00	37.50	50.00	75.00
88	3c grill 11x13	.20	.45	.75	1.25
88	3c 11x13 (thin paper)	.50	.90	1.35	2.00
88	3c split grill 11x13	.....	.....	2.60	3.90
94	3c grill 9x13	.10	.15	.20	.35
94	3c 9x13 (thin paper)	.20	.30	.40	.75
94	3c split grill 9x13	.....	.....	1.50	2.25

Five Cent "Jefferson"

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
76	5c brown	$1.00	$1.40	$2.25	$3.50
76a	5c black brown	1.50	2.70	5.25	7.50
95	5c brown, grill 9x13	5.50	7.50	13.00	17.50
95	5c grill 9x13, thin paper	5.50	7.50	13.00	17.50
95a	5c black brown, grill 9x13	7.50	10.25	16.00	20.00

Ten Cent "Washington"

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
68	10c green	$0.45	$0.65	$1.00	$1.50
68	10c dark yellow green	1.50	2.50	3.75	5.00
68a	10c dark green	.63	.90	1.35	1.90
89	10c green, grill 11x13	1.85	2.60	5.25	6.50
89	10c 11x13, thin paper	2.65	3.80	7.50	9.00
96	10c green, grill 9x13	1.60	2.95	4.50	6.00
96	10c 9x13, thin paper	2.25	3.50	6.65	8.00

Twelve Cent "Washington"

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
69	12c black	$1.20	$1.60	$2.55	$3.30
90	12c black, grill 11x13	2.50	4.00	7.50	9.00
90	12c black, 11x13, thin paper	5.00	8.00	15.00	18.00
97	12c black, grill 9x13	1.25	2.00	3.00	3.75
97	12c grill 9x13, thin paper	2.35	4.00	6.75	9.00

Fifteen Cent "Lincoln"

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
77	15c black	$1.50	$3.00	$4.75	$6.25
91	15c black, grill 11x13	3.50	4.75	9.50	12.00
98	15c black, grill 9x13	2.25	3.25	5.10	6.00
98	15c 9x13, thin paper	3.30	4.85	7.20	9.00

1869 Issue

Cat. No.		Good	Fine	Very Fine	Superb
112	1c buff	$1.40	$2.25	$3.65	$4.60
113	2c brown	.52	.65	1.00	1.40
113a	2c yellow brown	.52	.65	1.00	1.40
114	3c ultramarine	.04	.06	.14	.20
114	3c dark ultramarine	.06	.10	.20	.25

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Revenues on Photographs

By Capt. A. C. Townsend

MANY collectors know, but many do not know, that on the backs of the small visiting card size photographs taken along the Civil War period there are revenue stamps to be found, a few of them of decided value. It pays when you are on a stamp hunt and have been disappointed to ask, "Well, haven't you an old plush photograph album or two stowed away? I buy the old pictures for the stamps on them. Or, if you want to keep the pictures, I can easily take the stamps off with hot water without harming the picture."

Usually you get the pictures, for when you find a stamp you want on the picture of a hatchet-faced old gentleman with trousers wrinkled like an accordion, all you have to do is to say, "Here is another I want. This isn't the picture of a relative, is it?" And they look at the picture and shudder and say, "No indeed; I don't know who that was. Some friend of grandpa's I presume!"

Why do these pictures bear stamps? Because the Revenue Act of 1864 called for a stamp tax as follows:

Photographs, ambrotypes, daguerrotypes or any sun-pictures except as hereinbefore provided, upon each and every picture of which the retail price shall not exceed 25c, 2c.

Exceeding the retail price of 25c, and not exceeding the sum of 50c, 3c.

Exceeding the retail price of 50c, and not exceeding $1, 5c.

Exceeding the retail price of $1, and for every additional dollar or fractional part thereof, 5c.

And as another section of the Act provided a penalty of $10 for selling any photographs without the stamps, the law was pretty generally obeyed. However, the writer had a few years ago a letter from a hard headed patriotic Scotchman in Indiana who wrote to the District Attorney that a certain photographer had delivered to him a package of photos on which the revenue due the government had not been paid, and advised that the gentleman in question be prosecuted!

Mr. Fred H. Barrows, of Providence, R. I., a leading collector of these pictures, has some 750 of them, and they include stamps as follows:

1c Express, pairs and strips.
1c Prop., pairs and strips.
2c Bank Check, blue.
2c Bank Check, orange.
2c Express, blue.
2c Express, orange.
2c Express, orange, part perf.
2c Playing Cards, blue.
2c Playing Cards, blue, p.p.
2c Proprietary, blue.
2c Proprietary, blue, p.p.
2c Proprietary, orange.
3c Foreign Exchange.
3c Playing Cards.
3c Proprietary.
3c Telegraph.
4c Inland Exchange.
4c Proprietary.
5c Certificate.
5c Playing Cards.
10c Power of Attorney.
10c Contract, ultramarine.
15c Inland Exchange.
20c Inland Exchange.
2c Liberty Cap.
2c Second Issue.

Pair of 2c U.S.I.R. bisected vertically.

Single and half (bisected horizontally) of 2c Proprietary, blue, making the 3c rate.

And in combinations for different rates he has:

2 singles of 2c Proprietary, blue.
1c Prop. and 2c Prop., blue.
1c Prop. and 2c Bank Check, orange.
3c Prop. and 2c Playing Cards.
3c Prop. and pair of 1c Prop.
3c Telegraph and pairs of 1c Prop.
2 3c Prop. and pair of 2c Prop.

Also regular postage stamps on photos:

Pair of 1c 1861.
3c 1861.
2c Black Jack.
2c 1869.

That list will give the collector an idea of what he may turn up. And don't overlook the "tin types" in the little old black cases. They can easily be pried out and put back, and some nice stamps turn up there. Good hunting!

Centenary Stamp Was Never Promised

The author of our Broadway Chatter column is mistaken in his notes this week when he says, with reference to the issue of a Centenary stamp, "As the proposed stamp was announced for issuance in May."

Up to this date we have been unable to find any announcement by the Government that such a stamp would be issued. It is true that there have been numerous rumors and possibly statements by some of the Washington writers that the stamp would be issued. But no statement to that effect over any Government signature has been made. Yet in view of this, certain hungry exploiters of the collecting public insist on jumping on almost every worthwhile announcement and issuing covers for the stamp they think is coming.

A Washington dealer has in more than one recent instance, offered covers and has advertised for orders for covers bearing stamps of first day issue for stamps that have never appeared. Such a situation is unnecessary. On the other hand, collectors look to publishers of covers for suitable envelopes for use when new stamps appear. These publishers must have time to prepare pictures, print and distribute such covers.

In the case of this Centenary Stamp, we all took it for granted that there would be a stamp for there has been no occasion that the stamp collector would care to see honored, so much as this one. As a result, covers were prepared and sold. It could not have been any other way, else if the stamp did appear, everyone would be unprepared. It has been a sad mess, due wholly to inability of the proper Washington officials to make up their mind, and we are advised that protests from collectors, direct to various officials have been many.

Should the stamp appear even now, thousands will be unable to get orders in for first day covers and the local Washington boys will be given an opportunity to milk the collectors for all they can get out of them, when the howl that will arise from such an act will doubtless be greater than it already has been.

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Imitations of Postage Stamps

Paragraph 5 of Section 716 of the Postal Laws and Regulations says,

> "Matter bearing imitations of postage stamps or adhesive stamps in form and design resembling postage stamps, shall not be accepted for mailing, and if deposited in the mail shall be returned to the sender, if known, or, if unknown, shall be sent to the Division of Dead Letters and Dead Parcel Post."

Attention is called to this paragraph in the belief that there are many people who are unacquainted with it and who may unknowingly find themselves in a serious jamb by this lack of knowledge.

The writer speaks from experience, for at the time of issue of the Parks stamps, Linprint Inc. did prepare a cacheted envelope for use on first day covers with the Parks stamps, which contained as a part of the design a very crudely drawn picture which was unlike any postage stamp, either U. S. or foreign, but which did have the words "POSTAGE" and "3 CENTS" as a part of the design, but without name of any country.

The Postmaster at Washington, D. C. took it upon himself to hold up such covers, refusing to permit them to pass through the mails. After some correspondence, the held covers were properly postmarked and released. The balance of such envelopes as we sold for future use had the offending words blocked out, thus making a censored envelope out of the envelope.

Our attention has recently been attracted by two very flagrant violations of Section 716, any one of which are far more of a violation than was the instance referred to above. In one case a Pony Express cachet bears as a part of its design, a print of one of the original Pony Express stamps and in red ink. This is clearly a violation, yet we understand was not molested. In another instance also with a Pony Express cachet, the publisher has cleverly imitated the design of the embossed centennial envelope and has printed it in two colors, violet and red. Certainly a very striking violation. The last violation which we have in mind, we have refrained from mentioning up to this time because should the Government crack down on it, it would undoubtedly cause much unpleasantness both for the publisher of the cover and for hundreds of collectors who have bought the covers.

How Germany Does It

We learn from the Department of Commerce Bulletin that the Philatelic Agency in Germany accepts subscriptions or orders from collectors for new issues and that on the issue of any new stamps, the stamps are immediately mailed to the collector. Such deliveries are C. O. D.

• Because of internal financial regulations in Salvador, money orders from collectors for stamps are not acceptable and the postal service has requested publicity be given to the fact that it prefers that orders for postage stamps be placed with stamp dealers.

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Australasian Notes

By RAY PORTER

AUSTRALIA

It has now been officially announced that designs submitted for the special issue in honour of the Second A.I.F. (The Australian Forces in Palestine) are now being considered by the Postal Department and a further announcement regarding the denominations and date of sale is expected any day.

Although the first official flight of the trans Tasman air service is scheduled to commence on April 2nd, from Auckland to Sydney, no indications are yet available at this late date (March 28th) as to airmail rates and servicing of first flight covers. At present only one flying boat will carry on this service in weekly return trips, but a second flying boat is already on her way to Australia to join the service.

NEW ZEALAND

The 7d. denomination of the Centennial series is yet another "casualty" of the war conditions. When the stamps were being printed in London early in 1939, the world still enjoyed comparatively normal conditions and the rises in the postal rates necessitated by the outbreak of war could not be foreseen then. The 1d. value was designed for the prepayment of the internal and inter Empire first class mails, but this rate was since doubled to 2d. and fortunately such a denomination was included in the series. When however the postal rates for parcels were increased from 7d. to 8d., the position was somewhat different for no such denomination was included in the issue.

Consequently the design and colours of the 7d. stamp were used for the printing of an 8d. denomination, which replaced the 7d. value on March 8. Thus the 7d. stamp was on issue from January 2nd to March 8th, although it was supposed to be in use during the whole year. As soon as it was officially announced that the 7d. stamp was to be withdrawn, a number of speculators in New Zealand (there was no time for overseas buyers to place their orders in time) bought up substantial quantities and evidently the entire supply must have been sold before the 8th of March. Quantities printed for this value are not available yet but they are generally estimated to be between 150,000 and 200,000. The Centennial set consists now therefore of thirteen values, and is probably unique in that it has two different values in identical colours and designs.

The plates used for the printing of the Centennial stamps are as follows:

½d.	1L; 2L; 1T; 2T.
1d.	A1; B1; A2; B2.
1½d.	A1; B1; C1; A2; B2; C2.
2d.	A1; B1; A2; B2.
2½d.	A1.
3d.	A1; B1; A2; B2.

For the remaining values of the 4d., 5d., 6d., 7d., 8d., and 1/- only one plate bearing the identification mark A1 was used. The plate numbers can be found on the sheet immediately below the Imprint which is at the centre of the lower selvedge of each sheet.

Sheets used for overprinting the Centennial stamps "Official" for Government offices bear the following plate numbers:

½d.	1L; 1T.
1d.	A2; B2.
1½d.	A1.
2d.	A1; B1; A2; B2.
2½d.	A1.
3d.	A1; B1; A2; B2.

The remaining values: 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d. and 1/- all bear the A1 plate number.

NORFOLK ISLAND

Last month I introduced a newcomer to these columns and now I have to introduce yet another Pacific newcomer, for Norfolk Island is to be supplied with a regular series of pictorial stamps of her own. The island is administered by Australia and carries a population of a little over one thousand. Its history is linked to that of Pitcairn Island through the "Bounty" mutineers, for the Pitcairn Islanders were brought over to Norfolk in 1836, and although some of them returned later on, about half of the present population of Norfolk is thus indirectly descended from the mutineers.

The stamps are being produced in Melbourne by the Australian Stamp and Note Printer (John Ash) and all are in a similar design showing a view of Norfolk Island. The denominations of the series and the date of issue have not yet been announced.

NEW GUINEA

Fairly large quantities of the £2-0-0 and £5-0-0 airmail stamps have recently come on the Australian market. They are mainly from packets of gold which are flown to the Australian banks. In many such banks the stamps are kept by the staffs and sold to dealers and the proceeds applied to the Social Services funds. Strange as it may seem the lower values of the new series are comparatively scarce for the gold packages bear all high values from 10/- upwards whereas the lower values have to be used on ordinary mails which are not at all as plentiful as gold in New Guinea.

• Under the name "Star Stamp News" philately will see another stamp paper, which combines the former "Philatelic and Hobby Digest" and "Hobby Rumor Monthly." The new paper is to be published by Joseph W. Reilly, P. O. Box 955, Lowell, Mass. We wish it well.

MINT - CONSTITUTION ISSUES - MINT

Brazil, (1)	$ .05
China, (4)	.40
Dominican Republic (3)	.25
France, 1 value	.11
Guatemala Roosevelt sheet	.65
Guatemala Overprint	.04
Haiti, 1 value	.20
Honduras, 1 airmail	.40
Ireland (2)	.16
Nicaragua (12)	4.50
Panama, (10)	5.50
Poland, 1 value	.30
Salvador, 2 values	.33
Spain sheet	.32
Turkey 6 values	.55

WORLD'S FAIR ISSUES

Dominican Republic (5)	.32
Ecuador N. Y. Fair (13)	1.25
Ecuador San Fran. Fair (13)	1.25
France (1)	.09
Iceland (3)	.25
Mexico (4)	.51
Roumania (2)	.13
Russia (2)	.30
Salvador (3)	.52

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69	12c Cabot	.50	152	9c Publ.	.60
78	½c Ed. VIII	.10	169	3c on 2c	.22
121	8c Caribou	.75	162	3c on 6c	.20
122	10c Caribou	.40	210	24c 1932	.35

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U. S. 1847

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How the First World War Caused Curacao's Bisects

The current sea warfare in the North Sea is working a severe hardship on the smaller countries, bordering that body of water, who are trying to remain neutral. Mines and torpedoes have ruined their shipping trade, loose mines not long ago sinking one of the crack liners of the Netherlands West Indies run. This is a repetition of 1917-1918, when the Netherlands had similarly suffered.

The sea warfare of 1918 caused the Dutch colony of Curacao to issue the only bisects in its postal history. Supplies of 1c stamps, a denomination used on printed matter, were held up at the printers in Holland as no means of shipment were available. That was in May. Toward the end of that month the supply of stamps of that value in the colony began to reach the vanishing point and having no other recourse, the postal authorities commenced on June 1 to sell diagonal halves of the 2c as 1c stamps. Weeks went by and still the 1c reinforcements did not arrive and the supply of 2c stamps now became dangerously low. On July 6 the 2c ceased to serve as a source of 1c and on that date the 2½c was pressed into service. Until July 16 this stamp too was cut in half, each half being used as 1c stamps, much to the confusion of postal bookkeeping. On July 16 a steamer bringing the long awaited new printings of 1c and other stamps arrived and Curacao's use of bisects ceased apparently for all time. A later shortage of 1c was met by producing a local 1c typeset stamp, which the authorities apparently thought much better than bothering to cut stamps in two and keep books on such troublesome things. Pete Vanleeuwen, Columbus specialist in Netherlands supplies the above details. He states that 32,000 bisects of the 2c were used and 31,200 of the 2½c bisects were used. Since many were saved for collectors the bisects on cover are still priced at less than half a dollar by dealers abroad.

Cuba's Pan-American Stamp

Gonzalo de Quesada y Arostegui, whose portrait adorns the special stamp issued by Cuba in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Pan-American Union, was born in Havana, on December 15, 1868. He was appointed Minister to Germany in 1910, where he died on January 9, 1915. The reason for the selection of his picture to grace this stamp can be summed up in the following paragraph: "The International Bureau of American Republics will never be able to forget the earnest enthusiasm and sincerity of purpose which you, as Representative of Cuba, always displayed in the Director's Council, in international conferences and in special commissions appointed for the development of this Institution, giving an example of Pan-Americanism difficult to equal."

—Rafael R. Garcia.

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Already the members of the Society of Philatelic Americans in both Cleveland and Canton are planning for the fall convention which is going to be shared between the two cities.

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Wyoming Commemorative

On July 10 at Cheyenne, Wyoming, the 3c stamp illustrated herewith will go on first day sale. The date is the 50th anniversary of admission of Wyoming as a state. Color of the new stamp will probably be purple. Further details next week.

Catalogue of Philatelic Labels

Considerable interest has already been shown in the announcement that Linprint will issue a catalogue of Philatelic Labels. These labels have been collected for many years by some collectors, the followers in Europe being more numerous than over here and likewise the number of varieties issued in Europe has been much greater.

Many beautiful issues have been made abroad, in fact few postage stamps will surpass them in beauty and coloring.

The catalogue which is being prepared will be confined solely to United States issues. Preliminary work would indicate that the first edition will require probably 60 or more pages.

The publishers are desirous of hearing from collectors as well as dealers, as it is through the latter that we hope to accomplish the pricing of the labels.

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It Looks That Way

Charley Kenny, editor and publisher of The National Stamp News of Washington, D. C., asks, in a black face editorial on the front page of his issue of May 15—"Is the influence of the Nazis of Germany and the Bolsheviks of Russia to prevent the issuance of a United States postage stamp to commemorate the centennial of the first adhesive postal label ever issued?"

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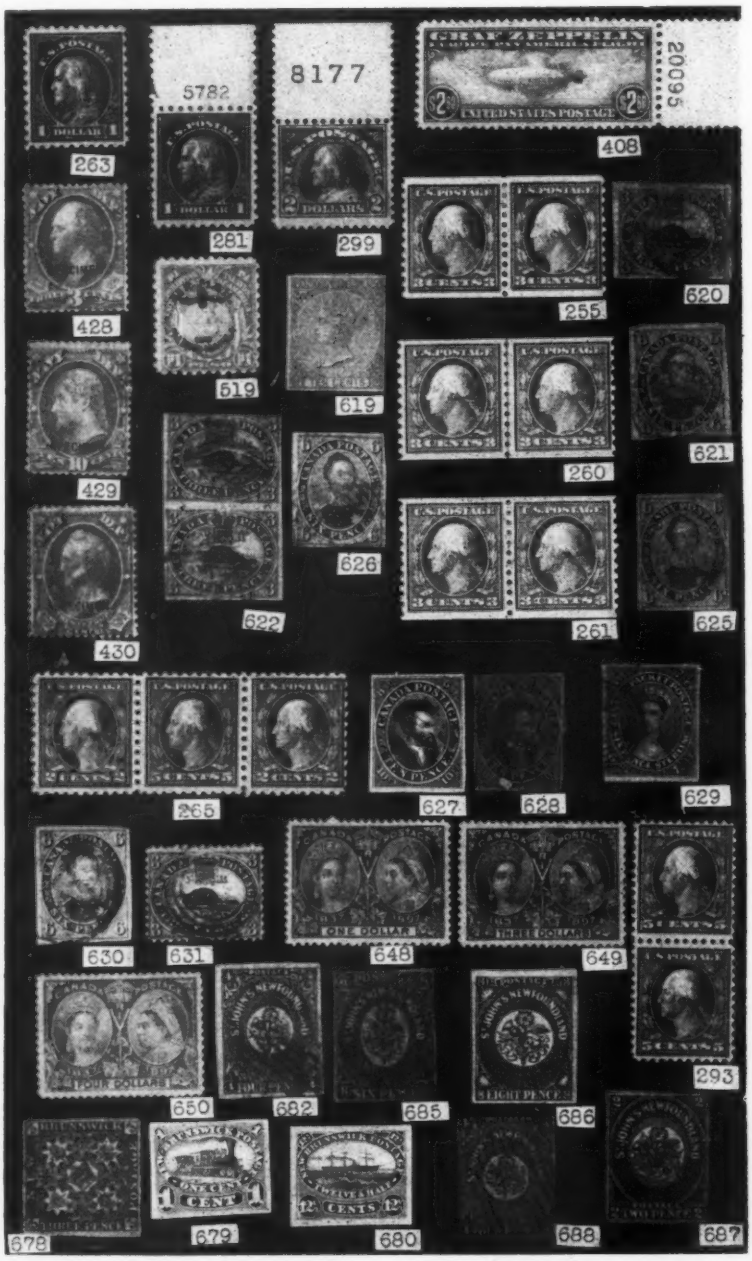

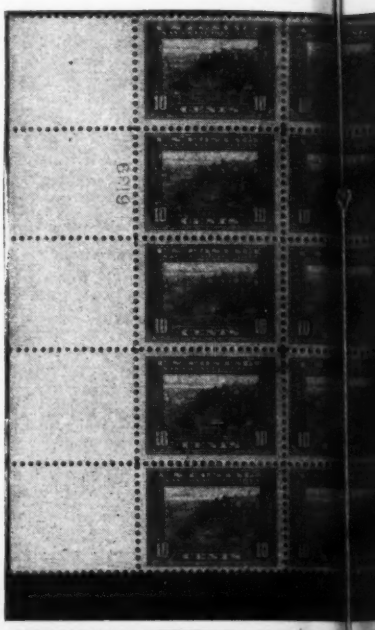

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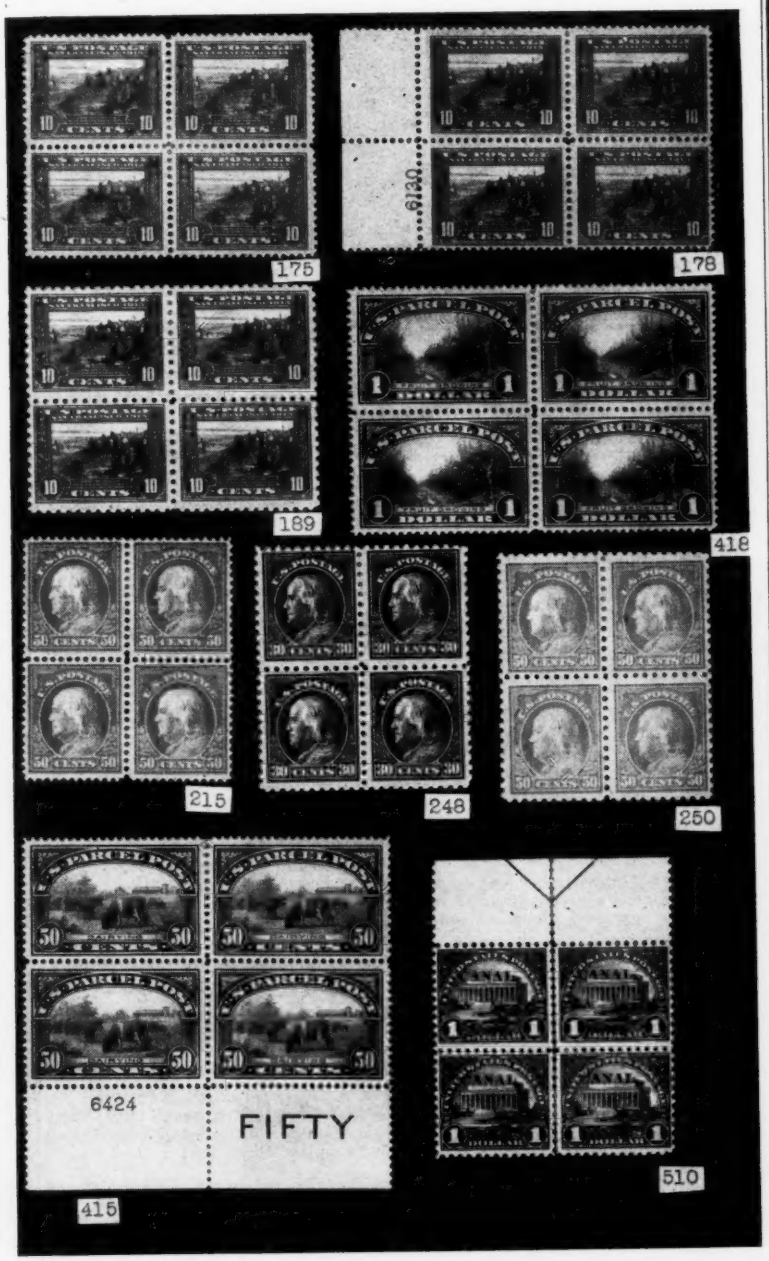

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Editor's Notebook

HOUSE CLEANING — During the past few weeks of absence of our Editor we have made it a point to clean up some of the miscellaneous lot of matter that he has had set up for use in the paper and which has from time to time, been crowded out. In doing this we have, for lack of time, skipped some of the features that have been more or less regularly included. Next week, we hope to have Bob back on the job again and if we can believe what he writes in his letters from home, where he is convalescing, he will be as glad to be back as we will be to have him.

IT'S TIME TO BUY — Did you note the full page advertisement last week from Eugene Klein, in Philadelphia. This was to announce a further offering of stamps from the Sinkler holdings. You should get one of the catalogues and go after some of the choice items that may interest you for it has been a long time since so many choice things in United States issues have been offered at one time. Numerous fine sales have been announced for this spring and not all of them are in New York as witness the two center pages of this issue where some gems are pictured from the sale of W. P. Betts, of Elsie, Mich. Did you ever see a block of 20 of the rare 10c Panama-Pacific Perf. 10? A piece such as this is seldom offered and while blocks of four have been selling well beyond $100 for some time past, a block of 20 should probably run between $750 and $1000.

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BUSINESS MUST BE BOOMING — Last December, we ordered a stitching machine with which to wire stitch this publication. As yet it is undelivered and we are told that the manufacturers have had difficulty in getting certain parts, steel, etc. We can only believe these statements and be patient until the machine is shipped us, but if the steel business is as good as this incident would indicate, then the future should be pretty bright for several months to come.

Perfs and Imperfs

At this instant we do not know whether Hitler and Stalin have won or whether the ten million American Collectors have won, but somehow we are beginning to believe that the former control more votes over here than the latter.

Once in a lifetime. The block of 10c Panama-Pacific stamps illustrated in the center of this paper cost the owner $2.00 in 1915. Twenty-five years later they will cost some other collector from three to five hundred times that sum.

Incidentally, the owner of those stamps had the full sets in blocks of 25, all bought and laid away 25 years ago. If you have the patience to buy now and lay them away for 25 years, you will find that you have probably acquired a few things that will show you a real profit.

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O75	.40	.40
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"If I had the final word, I would say yes now," the Postmaster General said.

Request that the stamp be issued was made by Mark K. Wilson, Chairman of the celebration committee; A. D. Reiger, committee member; Postmaster Ernest Dennis; Assistant Postmaster George Forbes, and Gov. Prentice Cooper.

A News-Free Press representative attended the conference which took place at the home of Silliman Evans, Nashville publishers, who gave a reception for Farley.

Wilson explained the significance of the celebration, which will be held the Labor Day week-end and said the stamp would meet his approval.

The fact that the celebration also ties in with the near completion of the T. V. A. should put the stamp over, Wilson told Farley.

Farley said President Roosevelt makes a hobby of collecting stamps, and that he would know the value of the ones the Chattanoogans are seeking to have issued.

Farley said he believed the President would approve the plan, but he advised Wilson and his committee to have Mayor Bass, Judge Cummings and the entire Tennessee congressional delegation and the two senators write the President in behalf of the stamp. Three beautiful models, all containing an air picture of the dam, were shown Farley. They were drawn by the T. V. A. engineers.

Coming Exhibitions, Annuals

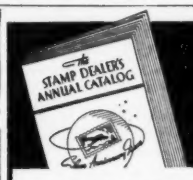
Ft. Worth, Texas—45th annual convention of the Texas Philatelic Association at Blackstone Hotel, May 10-11-12.

Hackensack, N. J.—Centenary Exhibition at Y. M. C. A., May 10-11-12 by the Hackensack Philatelic Society.

Hartford, Conn.—Stamp Centenary exhibition in the club rooms of the Stamp Collectors' Club (location not stated), May 6 to 11.

Keene, N. H.—Annual Exhibition and banquet by the Keene Philatelic Society, May 13, at Teachers College.

San Francisco, Calif.—Annual exhibition of the California Collectors Club, at Olympic Hotel, May 10-11-12, 1940.



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The Problem of Empty Spaces

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Gone With the Wind

Or perhaps better I should say "Gone with the Dateds." From time to time I have heard rumors about how DATING has dispelled the use of precancels, driving users to METERS or to giving up their permit entirely. But not until a day or two ago when I had the privilege to examine the mornings parcel post mail for the firm for which I work did the truth of the statement really become apparent.

I only saw the part of the mail consigned to the store room and it consisted of about thirty packages of different sizes running from very small up to the limit the parcel post rules will allow. About fifty per cent carried METERS, the other fifty per cent regular used post cancelled stamps. NOT ONE PRECANCEL IN THE LOT. Al Jones made a statement in the "FORUM" lately that it looks like our precancel collection of the future will consist of the ½c, 1c and 1½c value. It looks like we might even have to collect "meters" if we collect at all.

Chicago Electro

It looks from here that the newest electro used at Chicago as a fill in for bureaus is going to prove to be a little bit better than average, especially on the old issue. Here is what I have seen so far. Old issue 4c Taft, 8c and 17c, Presidentials, 1c. What others have you? Tell me and I will list them.

The Famous

1c Longfellow, Gambier, Ohio, U-120; 1c Longfellow, Wells, Minn., U-122; 1c Longfellow, Lewisburg, O., U-121; 1c Longfellow, Waterloo, N. Y., U-120 up and down; 1c Mann, San Martin, Calif., U-121; 1c Washington Irving, Hyndman, Pa., U-120. Most of the above were seen at the last meeting of the Central Ohio Precancel Club. Why were you not there?

This and That

I came into possession of really cancelled cover. Triple Cancelled, you might say. The letter was sent to Linprint in Columbus and was franked with two 1½c Boston Presidential bureaus. Over this was a Medford, Mass., regular post office cancellation and over both was a large special cancellation from Boston, Mass. A novelty but nothing more.—A collector that has a nearly complete collection of bureaus tells me that he has 64% A copies, 32% B copies and 4% C copies. Is your collection in that good condition. Neither is mine.—Good postage due coming to my notice. Inglewood, Calif., in a mimeographed type on the 1c compound due.—Presidentials. The 11, 12 and 13c Baltimore, Md., bureaus are being used by M. W. Co. freely now. How about a 9c and 50c Honesdale, Pa., U-121; 4c, 20c Benton Harbor U-17; 50c Memphis, Tenn., U-12; 7c Waukon, Ia., U-122; 4½c Barre, Vt., U-120; 4½c Essex Jct., Vt., rubber handstamp inverted; 1c Utica, N. Y., city type coil, U-96; 3c Corning, N. Y., triple line? Here is a jawbreaker, 1c Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y., U-121 in three lines. 1½c Clayton, Del., type-set.

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First Day Calendar

COMPOSERS

1c Foster, Bardstown, Ky., May 3.
2c Sousa, Washington, D. C., May 3.
3c Herbert, New York, N. Y., May 13.
5c MacDowell, Peterborough, N. H., May 13
10c Nevin, Pittsburgh, Pa., June 10.

This will be the last of the Famous Americans issue until Sept. 5, when the issues for the Artists will be released.

Idaho Stamp—To be issued July 3. City of first day not yet announced.

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BY BISTANDER

One of the current topics on the tongues of nearly all dealers here in New York, is the lack of supply of all new issues coming here. The main cause for this unduly low supply is the British confiscating all mail coming into the United States. The latest acquisition was from the Belgian and Dutch boats. This practice on the part of the British has caused havoc in the new issue market.

As I predicted before, the above situation has led to an increase in the purchases of South and Central American issues. These countries have been anticipating this and are making determined efforts to secure more sales by issuing some very attractive stamps. The Pan American issues which are starting to come in are proving the statement. Initial supplies of the Honduras Miniature Sheets which featured as part of its design the American flag in natural colors, have disappeared from the market. Further supplies have been promised, but I wonder if the price level will be affected as the original announced printing was low.

When the South American countries decide to print these stamps in large enough quantities to go around then they will remove the last barrier to the United States market.

Two weeks ago I pointed out in this column that the New York group of European wholesalers attempted to maintain a high price level on the new Polish Occupation set. This group received their shipment via clipper, and were the only ones who received their supplies. Unfortunately the British came along and prevented the normal supply from entering this country. Now, this group is very much put out because they could have realized a much larger profit than they had hoped to by their monopolistic tactics. This Occupation Set being a German issue (which is a very popular country for stamps in the United States) has proved its popularity by being in a continuous demand. During the past week many more calls have been made to Europe for supplies to be sent via clipper.

Stamps of the last issue from Poland have reappeared on the New York market at a price four times their original level. Right after these stamps made their appearance Poland proceeded to make its disappearance. As a result further supplies were cut off from the United States. The source from which these stamps came is known to the writer, but before making a definite statement as to who hoarded these stamps I must get all necessary proof for my accusation.

The article in this magazine which appeared two weeks ago written by George W. Linn has received wide praise among the New York dealers. For the benefit of those readers who neglected to read this article we repeat in part that Mr. Linn referred to the cancellation of the proposed issuance of a stamp in connection with the hundredth anniversary of the celebration of the postage stamp. As the proposed stamp was announced for issuance in May, many dealers here in New York proceeded to invest their money in the printing of First Day envelopes. These New York dealers feel it is a gross injustice on the part of the authorities to announce first an issue and let the dealers spend money making preparations for First Day envelopes and without further ado proceed to cancel it on a flimsy pretext of an excuse.

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NOTE: This column will appear occasionally as space permits and is intended to be helpful to our subscripers in answering their questions on stamps. We cannot undertake to expertise stamps; give valuations or advice on where they may be sold; nor will we answer those questions which readers could answer themselves by reading the foreword to the Scott Catalogues. This column does not deal with questions on coins, paper money, or other hobbies.

"Since the 10c Educators and 3c Pan-American stamps are scheduled for issuance on dates which are Sundays, how may one buy the stamps?" The post offices at the first day cities of these stamps will be open on those dates to sell the new stamps. This has been done before. If it were otherwise, it would not be a first day of issue.

"I would like to get information on the Jane Addams stamps and when and where they were issued?" Miss Addams was shown on the 12½ kurus plus 12½ k. denomination of a semi-postal series issued by Turkey in 1935 for a World's Women's Congress. Miss Addams is the only person to be shown on the Famous Americans Series of U. S. stamps who has ever been depicted on another stamp, U. S. or foreign.

A frequent question, that inquiring the address of the Philatelic Agency. A copy of the Agency's list of stamps is obtainable by addressing an inquiry to simply "Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C." The Agency is located in one of the upper floors of the Post Office Department Bldg. and maintains window service as well as handling mail orders.

"What color is the Duck Stamp?" The current Migratory Bird Hunting Permit stamp is chocolate in color and depicts green-winged teal. All county seat post offices have a supply, as well as numerous other post offices. This stamp will be withdrawn June 30 and replaced July 1 with a new stamp for the 1940-1941 fiscal year. Used copies can be obtained from old licenses.

Readers Please Note: — This column cannot attempt to answer questions regarding the value of stamps or where they can be sold; nor can we expertise stamps or the overprints on stamps. When a personal reply is expected a stamped, self-addressed envelope or card must be submitted with your question, otherwise the question will be answered in this column if we deem it of sufficient interest to other readers.

A reader wants his blocks on first day covers stuck firmly to covers and not with the obvious bulges where gum had not been moistened when stamps were affixed. One remedy is to dampen the face of the stamps slightly, allow time for moisture to penetrate, and then press down firmly on stamp. This is not recommended for certain foreign stamps printed by rotogravure as the colors might smear. A little paste on a slip of paper slid under a block is another means of putting adhesive "where it should be."

"What are International Reply Coupons?" These are small printed coupons, somewhat smaller than a postal card, sold at post offices throughout the world. In the U. S. they cost 9c. Their purpose is to provide a means of sending a person in another country the postage for their letter in reply. In theory they are acceptable in any country a member of the Universal Postal Union. When handed in at a foreign post office the clerk gives in exchange a postage stamp of the denomination necessary to pay the first unit of first-class postage on a letter addressed to the country from which the coupon was sent. It is intended to add the coupons to the U. S. Specialized Catalogue we understand. Some years ago the coupons had two spaces for postmarks of the office which sold the coupon and the office which exchanged it. Due to currency restrictions a number of countries do not accept the coupons. Instructions are printed upon them and specimens can be purchased at the stamp windows of U. S. post offices.

Centenary Souvenir

The Union Philatelique de Montreal, of Montreal, Canada, will celebrate the centenary of the Postage Stamp with an exhibition to be held May 31 to June 2.

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